

# Puget Sound Killer Whales Conservation Strategy

## ***INTERACTIVE SESSION***



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# Successful Process

- Partnering among all concerned
- Submission of ideas to improve conditions for killer whales
- Determination of what “conservation” is
- Community ownership of & commitment to conservation measures
- Public education



# Topic-Specific Discussion

- Defining Conservation
- Vessel Effects
- Prey Availability
- Pollution
- Other Factors?

Topics are based on:

- Comments received on the Proposed Rule
- Orca Recovery Conference 2002 Report
- Requirements under the MMPA (Defining Conservation)



# Questions

- Do you have ideas or suggested measures for a panel discussion to develop methods to improve the current condition?
- Do you have recommendations on individuals (groups) or types of expertise that should be represented on the discussion panel?
- Do you have recommendations regarding which management, regulatory or research agencies that may have information useful to this discussion panel?



# Input/Sign-up Stations

- In Bayview Room
- 1 station for each of 5 proposed topics, with NOAA Fisheries rep at each
- Each station has posted pertinent May 2002 conference suggestions & comments on proposed rule to stimulate thoughts
- Sign up for topics, suggest others who can contribute to them
- Provide information to answer questions

